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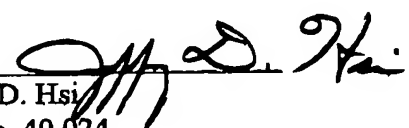
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed August 22, 2003, Applicant elects the invention of Group II drawn to claims 1-11 (in part). Applicant notes that as this Group is elected, further restriction election may be required. As such, Applicant submits the following for further potential election:

Compounds of formula (I) wherein:

X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 and Z are CH_2 ;

R^6 is optionally substituted phenyl; and

R^1 is an optionally substituted 3- to 14-membered saturated or unsaturated ring system comprising up to 4 ring heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur.

Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative to further discuss the restriction, if necessary, in order to assist in expediting this process. Applicant thanks the Examiner in advance for this courtesy. In order to fully respond to the requirement, Applicant also elects the compound of Example 365 (at page 92) as the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

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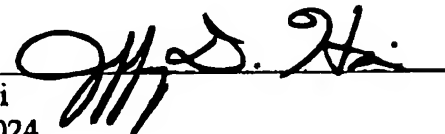
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